



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 319

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 18, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 319, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations. The bill changes provisions relating to child care reimbursement. Currently, in section 43-536, the Department of Health and Human Services is required to adjust the child care payment rate for child care every odd-numbered year at a rate not less than the 60th percentile and not to exceed the 75th percentile of the current market rate survey. Nationally accredited child care providers may be paid at higher rates.

The bill replaces the 60th percentile "floor" with 50th percentile in adjusting the child care payment rate. In addition, the bill eliminates obsolete language related to the payment rate during the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005.

This legislative bill has an operative date of July 1, 2009 and contains the emergency clause.

Detailed information regarding the Governor's budget recommendations may be found in the Executive Budget, 2009-2011 Biennium and may be viewed on the Department of Administrative Services-Budget Division's website at http://www.budget.ne.gov/das_budget/budget09/20092011.htm.

Principal Introducer:

Speaker Mike Flood
At the Request of the Governor